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 We can hardly think it necessary to urge
 upon those who hold that Americans ought to
- A paper issued from any of the great centres f a nation, but especially from the political fetropolis, in the present age, not in this ountry only, but in Great Britain, France, and rherever there is the least freedom of discussion, is a medium through which those holding similar sentiments in regard to public affers and public policy, may make known, discuss and defend their views, and expose the impropriety of the principles, and the impolicy of the measures of their antagonists. It should attractly labor to give a proper direction to public opinion by enlightening the public mind.
- e Assessoan is the only paper published seat of the Federal Government which ates American doctrines; the only sentence of the party stationed where a near and view can be had of the movements and sof their oppoments at their headquarters, political information concentrates, and annee it radiates to every part of the emhere party measures and movements are nined, and political campaigns planned; stratagems are concocted and thwarted, ere at certain seasons of the year politimost do congregate; here, in short, is more of the great political masistrom in a so many thousands are constantly plung-
- opinion and of conscience in religion d favor in the eyes of all truly patriotic in the land, and commend itself to their
- in declaring our principles, we add, that the fansward Appares of the Father of his country, as illustrated by the broad light of his administration, is our political text-book and cade mecum; and shall be our compass and chart.

PLATFORM

- Of the American Party, adopted at the session of the National Council, June 2, 1887.

 Let. An humble acknowledgment to the Supreme Being, for His protecting care vouchsafe to our fathers in their successful Revolutionar struggle, and hitherto manifested to us, their dants, in the preservation of the liberties, t pendence, and the union of these States.
- 2i. The perpensition of the Federal Union, the palladium of our civil and religious libertie and the only sure bulwark of American Indepen-

- - the last page."
 - of the best of Scott's novels. been more generally sought for and read by those who delight in historical romance, and in that kind of reading which excites a most in-
 - gestad is taking Hannah, the daughter of a
 The other morning, at the breakfast table,
 rich merchant of Bergen (Norway) to his own
 home at the North, to be married, in accordance with the agreement of the fathers, to
 Helgestad's son, who is in love with a cappish

 Hand, stern, Scotch Irish face, softened in its
 - was regarding the drawing with a greedy interest. "It is right," he said; "I calculate it even the Presidency of the United States. must succeed." It was a wise dream, Herr But to my story. The other morning at the Marstrand, come whence it might." He raised breakfast table, where I, an unobserved specta me. I think so. Is it not so?"
 - "Certainly, certainly," replied Marstrand a claimed the old trader, starting up."
 - Helgestad was at the door. "Remain!" he xclaimed; and his eyes assumed a fierce expression, "you are heated, and you might take Mr. C.
 - "Let me speak, Herr Helgestad, hear me," shouted John, grasping at his arm; but be"Pshaw! It is nothing! Only a dream!
 fore he could reach him, Neils had shut the had last night, and which makes me see perdoor to, and turned the key in the lock."
 - "He quickly sprung up the steps. The moaned through the rigging of the yacht, and without, the breakers dashed in fury against the darkness to the mast in the middle of the asked quietlyship, where he stopped; for, at an arms-length before him, he discovered a form to which
 - finother was closely clinging."
 "Let us hurry, Hannah," said a manly voice. The boat lies along side, and the ladder is down: all is ready.
 - own; all is ready."
 "I also am ready, my Hierick," she replied. Oh, eternal thanks to heaven, that I have you will relate it to you."
 - May he keep him securely, "Forbear! he sud- Calhoun related it:dealy cried out, clinching her firmly; for, in the same moment he felt himself suddenly in my room engaged in writing, I was astor grasped by some one from behind, and raised bulwarks of the yacht, and with a shriek, on no account be disturbed. The manner is which was quickly stifled, he sunk into the which the intruder entered, so perfectly self dark billowy grave, which closed over him.
 - around the mast. He seized a heavy piece belonged to him, excited in me as much sur with both hands, and threw it with all his might upon the boat beneath; a cracking and breaking followed, a cry for help, arose from below, and a red fire flashed over the sky, illuminating for a moment the black-water.

 Pieces of the boat floated around and a pair
 - of oars drifted upon the agitated sea. A furious gust of wind followed, and an arm, raised above the deep, convulsively clutched at the air, and sank again. Helgestad looked at the spectacle with a face full of hate, and beaming with satiated vengeance and triumph. "You the American Union, (you know gentlemer have met your fate, you fool!" he said with a that I am expected to produce a plan of disse savage roar of laughter. He then turned around. Hannah lay, without a sign of life, in
 - "Oho!" muttered the trader, " you he'd her so fast, that you have squeezed the life out of
 - man. "She does not move a limb."
 - Helgestad took the sleeping body, like child, in his arms, "Call the men," said he; " slacken the cable
 - He carried Hannah down stairs, pushed the
 - Marstrand sat at the table, with his head buried in his hands. When he saw Helges tad, and the pale face of the maiden, he sprung up and remained standing, without uttering a
 - igainst the ship's side. "Take water, rub ber hands. Herr, help her, and lay her on the

- "I will tell you in reward for your tro an entirely new region and to a people whose habits, manners, modes of life, modes of think-ing and of loving have never before been per-He dashed his cap on his head, and as h
- Marstrand leaned over the powerless maiden in embarrassment as to what he should do tell me: was Hinrick with you, and where is like descriptions of the manners and customs he," asked the Dane, with a palpitating heart of this curious people, and the Norwegians on the coasts and islands, are drawn with such and, as she heard the name of her lover, here power as to awaken the keenest interest in his body shook with a convulsive shudder. brilliant story, and to keep the attention of scream rang from the inmost depths of he the reader intensely excited from the first to breast; her hands clasped together, as if i
- breast; her hands clasped together, as if in prayer; and she endeavored to spring up, but fell back again.

 A whistling and shouting mingled with this and truthfulness to nature scarcely surpassed by Shakespeare or Sir Walter Scott, and the work, as a whole, may well compare with some timbers creaked and groaned, heavy blow work, as a whole, may well compare with some

- young lady. Hannah goes against her will, expression around the mouth by a sort of sad being engaged to Capt. Pohlen, whom she has smile which wins the hearts of all who converse promised to marry providing he can rescue her. with him. His bair is snow white. He is tall, He of course makes the attempt, and is very thin, and angular. He reminds you very much near accomplishing his purpose; but his efforts of Old Hickory. That he is honest, no one are thwarted, and he meets the fate described doubts; he has saddificed to his fatalism his brightest hopes of political advancement—ha
 - vous manner. He did this so often that it ex think, is Toombs, and he is a member of Con gress from Georgia—took upon himself to asl the occasion of Mr. Calhoun's disquietude.
 - "Does your hand pain you?" he asked o

 - petually a large black spot-like an ink blotch upon the back of my right hand. An ontical
- Of course these words excited the curiosity of the company, but no one ventured to beg the cliffs of Silden. Helgestad glided along in the details of this singular dream, until Toombe
 - "What was your dream like? I'm not very superstitious about dreams; but sometim they have a great deal of truth in them."
 - "But this was such a peculiarly absurdream," said Mr. Calboun, again brushing th back of his hand; "however, if it does not in trude too much on the time of our friends,
- Of course, the company were profuse "There, whispered Dahlen; "give me your their profession of anxiety to know all about hand. Herr Marstrand has fast hold on him? the dream. In his singular sweet voice, Mr.
- "At a late hour last night, as I was sitting ished by the entrance of a visitor, who entered in the air—Hannah was torn from his side, and without a word took a seat opposite me at powerful arms held him, in spite of his utmost my table. This surprised me, as I had given esistance. His fingers let go their hold on the particular orders to the servant that I should which the intruder entered, so perfectly selfark billowy grave, which closed over him.

 With a jump Helgestad was at the iron bars a word, as though my room and all within i prise as indignation. As I raised my head to look into his features, over the top of my in a thin cloak, which effectually concealed his face and features from my view. And as
 - I raised my head he spoke :-
 - "I did not think of his impertinence at first
 - but answered him voluntarily—
 "I am writing a plan of the dissolution lution, in the event of certain contingencies.) "To this, the intruder replied, in the coolest
 - manner possible:-Senator from South Carolina, will you allow me to look at your hand-your right
 - "He rose, the cloak fell, and I beheld his face. Gentlemen, the sight of that face struck me like a thunder-clap. It was the face of dead man, whom extraordinary events had called back to life. The features were those of General George Washington-yes, gentlemer the intruder was none other than Georg Washington. He was dressed in the Revolu costume, such as you see in the Patent
 - Here Mr. Calhoun paused, apparently agita-ted. His agitation, I need not tell you, was shared by the company. Toombs at length broke the embarrassing pause:—
 - "Well, we-e-ll, what was the issue

 - "The intruder, as I have said, rose and ask

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- Gentlemen, I shuddered as I beheld the horri-bly dead alive of that visage. After holding my hand for a moment, he looked at me steadily, and said in a quiet way.

 "And with this right hand, Senator from South Carolina, you would sign your name to a paper declaring the Union dissolved?"
- ion.' But at that moment a black blotch appeared on the back of my hand, an inky blotch which I seem to see even now. 'What is that?'
- "That said he, dropping my hand, "is the mark by which Benedict Arnold is known in
- beneath his cloak an object which he laid upon the fable—laid it upon the very paper on which
- Isaac Hayne, who was hung at Charleston by the British. He gave his life in order to estabish the Union. When you put your name to a Declaration of Dissolution, why you may as well have the bones of Isaac Hayne before you; he was a South Carolinian, and so are you. But there was no blotch on his right
- room. I started back from the contact with the dead man's bones, and-awoke. Overworn by labor, I had fallen asleep, and had ocen dreaming. Was it not a singular dream?" lar," at the same time looking curiously at the back of his right hand, while Mr. Calhoun ed buried in thought.

THE AMERICAN.

- WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 29, 1858.
- "THE UNION OF THE UNIONISTS. FOR THE SAKE OF THE UNION! !"

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 at Capt. Tyler's Steamboat Wharf.

THERE IS TROUBLE IN THE

- The Democratic party is in a sad con who remain, and each is looking for new desertions and mutinies; for all know that when well-drilled an army as that party has been, t spreads, and spreads, and weakens the host
- in spite of discipline, severity or threats. The leaders of the party here, who are prinpally old Whigs, have been alarmed, and ned it necessary to take some step to put a stop to mutiny, and to restore order and discipline in the ranks; and accordingly caucuses have been held with a view to close up the ranks, ascertain who are true and reliable, expel the refractory, and enforce obedience.-These caucuses have been noisy, and by no means satisfactory. The mutinous claim to be as orthodox in their democracy as their old Whig would-be-leaders; and when the latter talk about turning them out of the party, they laugh in their faces, and significantly ask how far back dates their democracy.
- In one of these caucuses Mr. Clarke of Missouri said there was no use in beating about the bush; the question was "Lecompton;" and all who opposed that must go out of the party. Mr. Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, then de-nounced Lecompton in strong terms, and de-
- clared that it would break up the party. Mr. Barksdale said that the anti-Lecon men were followers of Gev. Banks. Mr. Cox replied that they followed a Wie
- Mr. Coskie then came down upon Gov. Wise in a way he would not, probably, had the lat-ter been face to face with him. And so they
- The Union comes to the rescue, and talks authoritatively about the importance of concentration, party discipline, energetic action, and indirectly hints about shooting the deser ters. We can see that they are having, and are to have, a lively time of it; and their course forcibly reminds us of the saying, that Public Works, &c. whom the gods intend to destroy, they first
- "STAND BY THE PRESIDENT." This is the exclamation of the Chillicoth (Ohio) Advertiser; and it is reiterated, of course, by the Union, with all the emphas

which capitals can give it.

- This is the very essence of monarchy, or despotism. Stand by the one-man-power "stand by Caesar;" "stand by Nero;" "stand by Santa Anna;" "stand by the King"—have been the cries of the tools of tyrants long before the supple tool of despotism out in Chillicothe, Ohio, cried "STAND BY THE PRES
- We will venture a trifle that the Editor of the Advertiser who uttered this base cry either has, or soon will have long columns of Gov-ernment advertisements, although his paper is never seen by a single man who is expected to bid for the advertised contract. Advertise ments for mail lettings in Oregon, California and Washington Territory, we understand, are given to country papers that are never see

MISREPRESENTATION.

- The correspondent of the Norfolk, Virgini
- shot upon Col. Davis; who became very muc xcited; but in his rejoinder denied all inter DELTA, as well tell the truth, as to be guilty

HOW THE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON DANCE.

of such a gross misstatement?

- and Plain Dealer, thus writes:
- ble bowing in it, requiring a peculiar kind of music—otherwise it resembles the well-known Caledonian Quadrille. But the fancy dances gentility in them; the poetry of motion is lost n the ferocity of action; a couple grapple with and trip and turn, like ameteur gladiators.like a dog fight; the lady, held in close con tact with the gentleman, drops her chin on the entleman's bosom and looks up, because she the lady are used as grapnels, while the other two arms, locked at the fingers, extend at
- length either at right angels or parallel with their bodies, often changing positions, and worked up and down, on the principle of a pump-handle. Thus accoutered, they slide inthe ring, whirl and twirl a few times, and then slide out, when another couple takes their place. The spectators, who are staid old gen-tlemen and their wives, partly middle-aged ladies, unmated gentlemen and unlearned fancy dancers of all classes, form a ring around these exhibitors from five to fifty deep. They stand
- and stare until the music stops, when the crowd disperses." This is true to the life. ful than the movements here so well described; to say nothing of the hugging part of it. It is very pleasant for a man to have one arm around the waist of a woman, and the hand of the other clasped in that of the woman, her head resting languishingly upon his shoulder and her eyes looking lovingly and confidingly in his, while he bends over her in the most af fectionate manner, heart throbbing against heart, eye answering to eye, and lip almos meeting lip—and would if others were no present! Really we do not wonder young men so full of blood and spirit are fond dancing. If there is no "poetry of motion" in it, there is a great deal of the poetry of feel ing in it. There is no disputing about taste, says the proverb, and we shall not quarrel with those young women who have a taste for this amusement and exercise; but if we were as young as we were once, and were rould not be among those dear creatures who do not think it indelicate to be hugged, and
- squeezed, and touzled by a man, so it is all "the best society." IN UNION THERE IS STRENGTH. We most heartily concur with our old friend, the Editor of the West Chester, P., Village
- Record, who speaks thus: "The times require a union of all the oppo-sition—of all the elements opposed to a Despotsm in Kansas, to the Lecompton Constitution, to Free Trade and foreign valuations—to the degradation of the Ballot Box by a base servility to foreign influence—a union of all in Favor of American Industry—of a sound currency in opposition to Treasury shinplasters of an economical State policy-of a sale of the
- Upon these great issues, a formidable rresistible Party may be reared in Pennsylvania. We therefore, invoke Union, Harmony, Conciliation-among all whose feelings harmonise upon them. We speak to Americans, Republicans, Whigs and Democrats."
- MR. SPEAKER ORP. We have always considered Mr. Orr a fair, pright man; but the constitution of Mr. Harselect Kansas Committee does not comport with fairness or justice, and he is therefore not
- The Union comes to his defence, and justifies his action for reasons which are an insult to the body over which Mr. Orr presides.— Men are not great, even though they reach high positions, who cannot rise to the dignity of being just, and who show that they are acuated by motives that usually move small politicians, rather than those which govern
- The President, it is stated, has nominated Col.
 Johnston, of the Utah expedition, to be a Brigadier
 General.

- flock to the Capitol each session, clamoring for the places of doorkeepers, messengers, porters, and living as a retinue of pampered menials on
- the public treasury." A great reform might be accomplished by omething of this kind. Great abuses now exist in the multiplication of clerks to commit tees, messengers, and laborers, about three times as many being employed as are needed, want provided for.

THE AMERICAN PARTY IN CON-

- We stated a short time ago that the Amerian party in Connecticut had issued a call for a address lately issued by the American State
- "On the 14th of January, 1858, in accorance with a call issued by the Union State Committee, inviting a Convention by delegates posed to the present National Administration Convention was held at Hartford. At that each other as if wrestling, and turn and trip, Convention the following was offered by a minority of the Committee:
 - through the agency of a class of voters of our fairs: and we therefore favor the adoption of such legislation as may be necessary to protect the right of suffrage and the purity of the bal-
 - all sides to cover the question whether distincon the same topic reported by the Committee member of the Convention, indefinitely postpon d. During this debate, the Republican enders denounced in the bitterest terms both the Americans and their principles, and avowed it as their policy to drive off that wing of
 - thus securing in its place the foreign vote The American Party, believing in the jus tice and present practical value of their distinctive principles, have accepted the decision thus pronounced that they have no place either as a party or as individuals, in an organization which, having been assembled as a Union Party in a Union State Convention, has by its own act become a Republican Party of
 - distinctive Republican Platform." We are rejoiced that the Americans of Con necticut have shown a proper spirit, and come out from those who thus treat them with con-
 - In their address they advocate "a radica change in the naturlization laws," "the pro lection of American industry and genius and "the support for political stations of thos only who do not hold civil allegiance to any foreign power, whether civil or eclesiastical, and who are Americans either by birth or by

thorough education and training."

The Chilice Returned. We entertain a most thorough feeling of cor empt for the new born zeal with which Mr Suchanan seeks to bamboozle the South, by his support of the Kansas Lecompton Con tution. It is but the fitting conclu humbug treatment our loved section has beer receiving all the while at the hands of the Ad ministration. No one can doubt that the acts, the messages and the speeches, of Governor Walk er, found their hearty approver in Mr. Buch anan, and were the product of the policy which the latter had marked out. The Constitution to be formed was to be submitted to popula approval-not a single clause of it, but the whole-and admission was to be applied for under it! It may suit very well the views of the Administration, and their craving after some little hold upon Southern gratitude, since the Convention has only submitted a part of it for that approval, now to claim that Kansas should be admitted, and to point the South to the fact that the Constitution thus presented permits slave-holding; but the keen eye of Mr Buchanan sees already what will be the fina result. He thinks the indications already conclusive, that eventually Kansas will be nor slaveholding.—Natches Courier.

A man must be either blind from a patur want of common sense or blinded by passior self interest to suppose for one moment that it can by any possibility benefit the South to force Kansas into the Union with the Lecomp-ton Constitution. Kansas may, if thus forced in, be for a period, by the empty forms of fraudolent law, a slaveholding State in name but we all know, however this may be, sh will, from the very first, with her overwhe

ers, be a Free-soil State in act and fact. Not a solitary slave can be held there; not a solitary slave-law, by whatsoever authority passed, can stand there; and not a solitary advocate of slavery can go thence to either branch of Congress. We know of no political paper, we know of no politician, that argues or even affects to believe that the practical extension of slavery or its practical existence in Kansas would be, even temporarily, the result of the success of the Lecompton movement—the consummation of the Lecompton fraud. The indecent haste of Mr. Buchanan and the Southern Democracy to force Kansas into the Union is simply an indecent haste to force in a State its Free-sollism, surpass ever and Vermont. We commen fact to their consideration in their thinking

- Does any rational man doubt that the principle of the Wilmot provise would gain tenfold strength in the non-slaveholding States from the forcing of a slave constitution upon Kansas against her known will and in opposition to the solemn guarantees of the na do his duty by upholding, in this hour of gravious peril, the salutary and conservative doctrine of just and genuine State rights. He cannot render a better service to the Republic
- New York did not die out with the subsi ce of the Park meetings last fall. Since then the various associations, especially the German, which represent the interests of or-ganized labor, have held several meetings, and up a party with the rights and claims of work-
- ment are rather extensive, being the organization of a new party 'without distinction of age,
 sex, or nationality, and free from any religious
 sectarianism, by the issuing of a paper in
 English and German; the establishment of
 polytechnic schools, of agricultural colonies on
 brotherly principles, of model dwelling houses,
 and a great many other delightful institutions
 for people without capital. Candidates of this
 projected new party are to be severely crossexamined as to their opinions upon these noyel
 propositions, and, if unsound therein, will be
 universally cut by the association. The
 strength of the various nationalties in this city
 now co-operating in the work are about as follows: German, 2,450; American and Irish,
 425; French 25. This does not probably give
 the numbers who are interested in the move-
- ganizations, a national conventions, a national conventions, a national conventions, and a national conventions. How long will it be before these impudent foreigners will take upon themselves the whole ement of our affeirs, moral, industrial and governmental? Not long, we fear, if we arrogant interference, and bow to and courthem so meanly as we do. There is hardly a large city in the union that they do not already directly or indirectly rule; and the more pow er they obtain, the more they demand, and th
- more audacious they become. From the Hartford Coun. Courant.

 Our neighbors of the Press have seemed quite suspicious of the soundness of Ezra Olark, Jr., our Congressional Representative, on the Slavery question. The fact that Clark paid his friend Campbell the compliment of voting for him to fill a place he is so eminently competent to fill—the Speakership of the House—was seized hold of eagerly by the rabid Republicans, as giving a chance to pour out spleen and spite against Mr. Clark. The Press, the New Havan Palladium, and other rabids, vented their vocabulary at Mr. Clark's expense. Even the Springfield Republican went out of its way to get a kick at the daring member who did not mechanically register the edicts of King Caucus. We do not claim to be rabids, and we think the journals specified, a little too fierce for the occasion.—No man, in Washington or elsewhere, has been more faithful to Freedom in this Lecompton struggle, than Ezra Clark, Jr. He remained in the Hall, and was in every vote given during the entire session of 18 hours without recess, when many, very many Republicans of the Abolition stripe, went hume to bed, on various excuses.—The day dawned upon a jaded, baggard set of men, who had spent twelve hours in gas-light, amid wearing excitements and turmoil, after six hours of legislation by day-light. And yet Clark was there, as staunch and reliable as any man that could be named.
- light. And yet Clark was there, as staunch and reliable as any man that could be named. The Rabida may make as much pother as they please, but, if we understand the temper of Connecticut people, they like less noise, with fully equal performance. We copy the above to show the disposition the "rabid" Republicans have to assail and
- oppose Americans; Mr. CLARK being an out and out American. All we have to say is just what Davy Crockett said to Polk, in the House, on a cortain occasion; well, let them do it if they think it profitable, say we mostly. Americans ask no favore

THEIR FATE IS SEALED. No party can long stand under the odim

of gigantic, shameless and reiterated frauds any more than an individual can stand up and defy the universal denunciation of honest men for base crimes. The Democratic party fell in 1840, under a lead of def and other rascalities, which all came to ligh about that time, and shocked the public feel ings. The Democratic party is now stagger-ing under a load of edium brought upon it by the most abominable frauds and villanies per petrated in Kansas beginning with the pas-sage of the Kansas Nebraska act over heard of in any civilized nation. These frauds and the just edium they bring upon their authors and abetters, are accumulating daily, and the party reels under them, soon to fall prostrate, helpless and despised.